

CITY OF POLSON COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Commission Chambers

June 6, 2016

5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Knutson, Commissioners Donovan, Erickson, Siler, Southerland and Turner, City Manager Mark Shrives, and City Clerk Cora Pritt

ABSENT: Commissioner Coutts

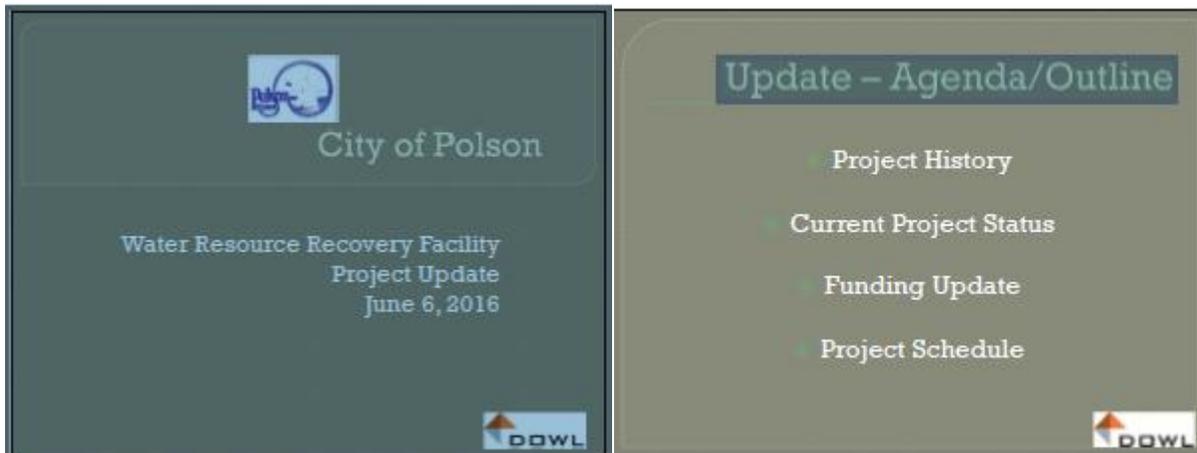
OTHERS PRESENT (who voluntarily signed in): Grace Battle, Elsa Duford, Carolyn Hall, Eric Hall, Kevin Johnson, Dennis LaBont, Bonnie Manicke, and Lee Manicke

CALL TO ORDER: (00:00) Mayor Knutson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA (00:51) - Commissioner Erickson motion to approve the proposed agenda. Commissioner Southerland second. Commission discussion: none Public comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC **NOT ON THE AGENDA (01:23)-** none.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE RATES FOR USERS OF THE CITY OF POLSON MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM (02:05)-Kevin Johnson, DOWL Engineer gave a brief history of the waste water treatment facility and the reason for the sewer rate increase.



Project History Review

Discharge Permit Renewal – (Jan 1, 2013 – Dec 31, 2017)

- New Disinfection Limits, Pending Nutrient Limits?
- Higher Level of Treatment Required

Wastewater Facility Plan & Grant Applications - Completed April 2014

- Selected the Membrane Bioreactor Treatment Process

Meeting with EPA – August 2014

- Requested Clarity on Pending Discharge Limits (Nitrogen/Phosphorous Levels)

September 2014 - Revised Option to (Sequencing Batch Reactor – SBR)



Project History Review

Amended the Wastewater Facility Plan – March 2015

Complete Pre-Design Report – June 2015

Headworks Equipment Procurement – June/July 2015

SBR Equipment Procurement – August/Sept 2015

Currently in Final Design



Equipment Procurement

Headworks Equip. Procurement Complete

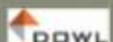
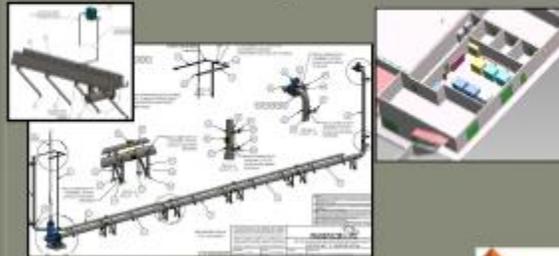
- Shop Drawing Review Complete
- Screens & Grit Removal



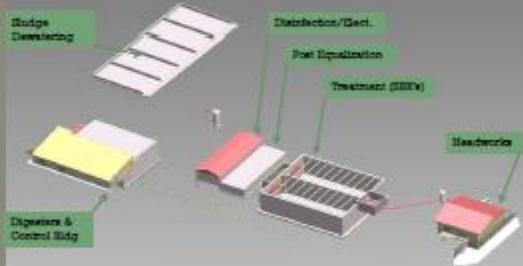
Equipment Procurement

SBR (Biological Process) Procurement

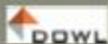
- Submittals Review/Approval In Process



Current Design

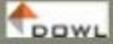


- Deleted Inflow Pump Station
- Deleted Overflow Pond
- Separated Post EQ/TV Building
- Gravity Flow In and Out of Facility



Treatment Project Funding Summary

Project Funding Summary	
Total Project Cost	\$17,200,000
TSEP Grant	\$750,000
RRGL Grant	\$125,000
CLBG Grant	\$450,000
SRF Loan (Forgiven)	\$400,000
Local Contribution	\$1,200,000
SRF Loan - Balance of Funding	\$14,300,000



Other Capital Improvements

Item Description	Total Price
Collection System Improvements - Summary	
Study Sewer Main Starting Cotham Park on Hwy 20	\$ 294,900
Collection Main to Golf Course LS (Priority 2)	\$ 0
Wal-Mart L# Station (Priority 1)	\$ 154,500
Lake View L# Station (Priority 2)	\$ 156,000
15-Avenue L# Station	\$ 19,500
Round Park L# Station & Force Main (Priority 4)	\$ 622,700
Zip-Line Main from Golf Course & Lake View LS (Priority 3)	\$ 200,500
Total Estimated Construction Cost =	\$ 1,638,600
Gen. Inspection, Const Admin	\$ 215,400
Legal Admin	\$ 30,500
Estimated Total Project Cost =	\$ 1,884,500

From 2014 PER - Master Plan (PER)
Additional Existing Sewer Capacity Challenges \$\$\$\$



Project Sewer Rate Summary

User Rate Basis	Rates
Average Sewer Rate at Beginning of Planning	\$ 20.38
Increase in 2015	\$ 22.01
Proposed Step 1 of 2 Additional Increases	\$ 14.09
Proposed Step 2 of 2 Additional Increases	\$ 9.16
Estimated Final Rate Needed	\$ 65.64



- ### Schedule
- Design - In Process
 - 60-day DEQ Review (July - Aug, 2016)
 - 30-days; Comment Response and DEQ Approval
 - Bidding Sept/Oct 2016
 - 30-day Bid Period
 - 30-days to Contracts; Notice to Proceed (Nov 1)
 - Construction
 - 18-month Construction Period
 - Startup (April 2018)
 - Decommission Existing Lagoons
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City of Polson

Water Resource Recovery Facility

Questions?



MAYOR KNUTSON OPENS THE PUBLIC HEARING (26:04)

Grace Battle- Ward 1 commented that she has lived at her current residence for 24 years. She had a conversation with Water/Sewer Superintendent Tony Porrizzo today regarding the meter reading. The minimum usage on the meters is 1,000. Being a single person one does their fair share of conserving but the person is still charged for 1,000 gallon usage. Consider changing the minimum to 500 gallons. This would aide people set on a fixed income. If people keep the usage to under 1,000 they should not be charged the base rate.

Cecil LaFromboise-Ward III- commented that she has been a homeowner for 5 years. The water increase was significant to the household. Being a single mother with children this increase will make it difficult to pay the bill. It is going to hurt a lot of families on fixed income.

Elsa Duford-Ward I-complimented Mayor Knutson on her recent article published in the paper. Elsa reminded the Commission of the last meeting that was held on the rate increase and the number of people who spoke out against the rate increase. People on fixed income were going to be strapped to pay the increase. How are the people on fixed going to pay this increase? Will there be a deal made with the City? Also the usage on the new construction how will that impact the current system? Mayor Knutson commented that the current system is able to handle the additional sewage. There are 4 lagoons still active. Elsa commented to please remember the little people.

Brandy Wallace-Ward III-commented that after the new plant is completed what then? Will there be a reduction? Mayor Knutson commented that the rates will not be reduced. The monies will go toward the operations and maintenance.

Carolyn Hall-Ward III commented that she understands the cost of building the treatment plant. What was presented was the cost of constructing the plant and that was the reason for the increase. Even after it is built and put into operation it will still be at that rate for the individuals? Mayor Knutson commented that yes the rate will still be the same. Carolyn commented that she did not understand why the rate would not decrease once the plant was operational. Mayor Knutson explained that the rates are for the construction and the operation and maintenance of the plant once completed. City Manager Shrives commented that it is also servicing the debt, 14.3 million. It is a 30 year loan so the rates will help service that debt. Carolyn comments that this will be significant to young families and just does not see hope.

Chelsie Weston-Ward II-commented that she would like to know why the increases are coming? Why is the plant being built where it is and what will the cost of operation per month be once the plant is built? Once the debt is paid off 30 years down the road, what will the cost of operation be? Could this be put on the website for educational purposes and the power point presentation.

MAYOR KNUTSON CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:15 P.M. (45:42)

Mayor Knutson states that the proposal for the final rate will come at the June 20th Commission meeting.

Adjourn. (46:10:) Commissioner Turner motion to adjourn. Commissioner Donovan second.
Commission discussion: none Public Comment: none **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.**

ADJOURN: 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Mayor Heather Knutson

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk